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Amendments to Claims

1. (Amended) A composition comprising a fiber which comprises or has coated thereon a thin film wherein said thin film ~~comprises or is produced from~~ a at least one fluorocarbon silane or in an emulsion, said emulsion ~~comprises or is produced from~~ being the product of combining (1) a at least one fluorocarbon silane or its hydrolyzate, (2) water, (3) a catalyst, and (4) optionally a surfactant, and (5) optionally an alkoxysilane compound, a catalyst, or combinations of two or more thereof; said at least one fluorocarbon silane has the formula R_f(CH₂)_p-Si{-(O-CH₂CH₂)_n-OR¹}₃; R_f is a C₃-18 perfluoroalkyl group or combinations of two or more thereof; each R¹ is independently one or more C₁₋₃ alkyl groups; p is 2 to 4; and n is 2 to 10.
2. (Amended) The composition of claim 1 wherein said thin film ~~further comprises, or is further produced from,~~ a copolycondensate of said fluorocarbon silane and an alkoxysilane.
3. (Original) The composition of claim 1 wherein said thin film has a thickness of less than 1,000 nm.
4. (Original) The composition of claim 2 wherein said thin film has a thickness of less than 1,000 nm.
5. (Original) The composition of claim 1 wherein said fiber is an aromatic polyamide fiber, an aromatic polyester fiber, a heterocyclic aromatic fiber, or combinations of two or more thereof.
6. (Original) The composition of claim 2 wherein said fiber is an aromatic polyamide fiber, an aromatic polyester fiber, a heterocyclic aromatic fiber, or combinations of two or more thereof.
7. (Original) The composition of claim 3 wherein said fiber is an aromatic polyamide fiber, an aromatic polyester fiber, a heterocyclic aromatic fiber, or combinations of two or more thereof.
8. (Original) The composition of claim 4 wherein said fiber is an aromatic polyamide fiber, an aromatic polyester fiber, a heterocyclic aromatic fiber, or combinations of two or more thereof.
9. (Original) The composition of claim 5 wherein said fiber is a p-phenylene terephthalamide fiber.

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10. (Original) The composition of claim 6 wherein said fiber is a p-phenylene terephthalamide fiber.
11. (Original) The composition of claim 7 wherein said fiber is a p-phenylene terephthalamide fiber.
12. (Original) The composition of claim 8 wherein said fiber is a p-phenylene terephthalamide fiber.
13. (Amended) A textile product comprising ~~or produced from~~ a fiber having coated thereon an emulsion, which ~~comprises or is produced from~~ is the product of combining (1) a fluorocarbon silane or its hydrolyzate, (2) water, ~~and~~ (3) a catalyst, (4) optionally a surfactant, and (5) optionally an alkoxysilane compound, ~~a catalyst, or combinations of two or more thereof~~.
14. (Original) The product of claim 13 wherein said product is a woven product, a knit product, a nonwoven fabric, or combinations of two or more thereof.
15. (Original) The product of claim 14 wherein said product is a woven fabric for protective clothing.
16. (Original) The product of claim 14 wherein said product is a firefighting apparel.
17. (Original) The product of claim 14 wherein said product is a glove.